Sometimes We'd Give More for a "Thought Wave" Than Anything on Earth

PERHAPS you've often felt that way when you wanted to impress someone with your own ideas in a way that he would see it from your viewpoint.

Just now we want your thoughts to centre upon our Overcoats and Suits.

In Overcoats we have some wonderful cloths that will not be duplicated for a long time to come, and the wise men will buy *now*. Slip-ons, Chesterfields, Storm Ulsters and others are here for you in a variety of fabrics that you are sure to like. Prices from $15.00 to $40.00.

Overcoats Make Excellent Christmas Gifts

Smart Suits

We have always some special values in our Suit Department. Just now we are showing some nifty things in Pinch Back and two-button Sacks in Serges, Tweeds and Worsteds, $18.00 to $30.00, that we feel sure will please you.

What Better Gift Could You Make for Christmas Than a Nice Suit?

House Coats and Bath Robes make nice gifts—$6.00 to $18.00.

Boys' Mackinaw Coats

The ideal coat for a boy. They are warm, just the right length for skating and all outdoor sports. Ours are the good kind—$7.50 to $10.00. Plenty of pockets.

Boys' Bath Robes make excellent gifts—$5.00 each and very pretty.

Special in Men's Serge Trousers for Friday and Saturday

One hundred pairs solid all-wool fast dye English serge, reg. $5.00 value, on sale today and Saturday 3.49

Store Open Till 10 o'Clock Saturday Night

OAK HALL, Clothiers

Yonge and Adelaide Streets

J. C. COOMBES, Mgr.

ARTILLERY ACTIONS PREVAIL IN FRANCE

Bad Weather Continues to Prevent Infantry Fighting on West Front.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

London, Dec. 7.—Owing to the continuance of atrocious weather on the western front, the chief feature was the artillery operations. Heavy shelling is proceeding on the Somme battle front and on the western banks of the Meuse, in the Verdun region. The French this morning showed some activity in Lorraine, where they carried a trench each of Metzerail and took some prisoners.

Slips From Sidewalk, Hit By Car and Seriously Hurt

Struck by a motor car driven by Ernest Humphrey, 466 East King street, at the corner of Queen and Jarvis streets, last night, Edward Agnew, 253 Carlton street, now lies in St. Michael's Hospital with a fractured skull.

Humphrey is chauffeur for the C.P.R. Telegraph Co., and was going south on Jarvis street when the accident occurred. He had stopped the car at King street to allow a King street car to pass. When he resumed his journey, Agnew stepped from the sidewalk and was hit. He was picked up in an unconscious condition and rushed to the hospital. His condition is serious.

SEASON OPENED BY ACADEMY QUARTET

Splendid Concert is Given in Canadian Foresters' Hall.

LEO ORNSTEIN SCORES

Selections Represent Latest Humor in Realistic Piano Schools.

A splendid concert at the Canadian Foresters' Hall last night opened the season for the Academy String Quartet, whose work is becoming familiar in Toronto for classical excellence of taste in selections and artistic skill in performance. Luigi von Kunits is the first violin, Arthur Ely second violin, Alfred Bruce viola, and Leo Smith of the Conservatory of Music, in the absence of George A. Bruce on military duty, took the 'cello. Leo Ornstein contributed two suites on the piano, and the result was much the finest program the Academy Quartet has so far presented. The first number was Haydn's delightful composition, in G major, op. 76, No. 1. Of the four movements the adagio sostenuto is the most lovely, a quiet, impressive melody beginning lige the old Scottish "Gala Water," and with exquisite harmonies. The opening allegro is bright and spirited and was played with verve. The minuet is a capricious and enticing prelude to the final allegro, which is marked with the merry mood of the opening.

The second number for the strings was the posthumous fragment, allegro assai, by Schubert, a characteristic piece of work, the performance of which gave full value to the dainty melodic quality and rarely delicate feeling in the coloring of tone. The third number was Beethoven's quartet, in D major, op. 18, No. 3, where again the beautiful andante, perhaps the most charming movement on the program, stood out by reason of its flowing and melodious moments of depth and passion and restful interludes. In all these movements the performers were accorded the heartiest applause. The analytical notes by Mr. von Kunits were a feature of the program.

Mr. Ornstein's remarkable selections, three of them his own compositions, represented the very latest humor in the realistic and impressionistic piano schools. If art be the perpetuation of the beautiful there might be questions raised as to the artistic quality of some of these transcriptions, but there can be no doubt as to their cleverness. In the first suite these astounding items predominated and compelled attention, by their marvelous ingenuity, but one regretted that such a consummate artist as Mr. Ornstein proved himself to be by his rendering of the Cesar Franck, prelude, fugue and variation, with its marvelous resonant bass and masterly left hand work in general, should be so fully occupied with dynamic cacophony. Mr. Ornstein had four enthusiastic recalls at the close of this suite. A gem of exquisite tone and expression in Chopin's Nocturne, F sharp major, opened the second suite, and Mr. Ornstein's technical facility and felicity were flawless. Almost equally attractive was Schumann's Kreisleriana, No. 8, and two characteristic Liszt selections were the other clever offerings. His recalls were only satisfied with an encore number of silvery tintinnabulations.

CAN'T ACCEDE TO CONSCRIPTION CALL

Existing Conditions Will Not Allow of the Popular Demand.

SAYS COL. WILLIAMS

Convinced There Are Enough Men to Meet Needs of Authorities.

In order to ensure that all troops remaining in camp and barracks in Toronto on Christmas Day will have a holiday bill of fare, the battalion paymasters have been authorized to draw a sum amounting to an extra 25c for each soldier.

The 255th Q.O.R. Battalion "Give Us His Name" campaign has so far resulted in close on to 2600 names being sent in. The record for one day is 375. The battalion has sent 7700 coupon postcards out to various citizens with the request that they be returned with names of men apparently eligible. Each card has on it a Raemaeker's war cartoon.

Lieut.-Col. G. H. Williams, senior chaplain and chief recruiting officer for this military district, returned yesterday after a trip to the counties, and today will visit Niagara Falls and Queenston. He states he has made up his mind that there are still enough men in this district to supply both the recruiting and industrial needs. He says there is a popular feeling for something stronger than the prevailing recruiting system, but that it is realized that owing to the existing conditions there can only be moral compulsion.

The tactical exercises to have been held tomorrow have been postponed owing to unfavorable weather conditions being predicted. It is pointed out that this action is not on account of any desire to shelter the troops from rough weather, but because outdoor manoeuvres carried on under adverse climatic conditions are of but small training value.

Thirty-eight recruits offered for active military service at the armories depot yesterday, but only 14 were accepted as up to the standard. Of these the new 255th Q.O.R. Battalion secured three; the artillery, hospitals commission, Army Service Corps, each two; and the 236th MacLean Battalion, Welland Canal Guard, Army Medical Corps and No. 2 Detachment C.O.C., each one.

Notification has been received at the 109th Regiment Armories that the three officers the regiment sent to the last captains' course passed the examination all right. Their names, Lieuts. D. H. Rowan, G. H. Trimble and N. C. Pearce, were omitted from the list published yesterday.

NEW CABINET FORMED BY MR. LLOYD GEORGE

(Continued From Page 1).

Lloyd George would himself take the post of foreign secretary.

What Northcliffe Wants.

Lord Northcliffe, who has disavowed any intention of entering the cabinet, said in an interview with The Associated Press this evening:

"I strongly urged Mr. Lloyd George to take the foreign secretaryship. I consider that he is eminently fitted for the responsibilities centred there particularly in view of his knowledge of America and his sympathetic feeling for the American people and institutions. We are thru with those who knew little of America or foreign conditions in general, and Mr. Lloyd George is the one man available having in an eminent degree the qualities needed in handling the foreign situation. I am hopeful that he will see his way to accepting this view."

The announcement in the court circular tonight—that he had accepted the post of prime minister and first lord of the treasury—seems to show that Mr. Lloyd George has no present intention of taking the foreign portfolio, and this apparently leaves the field to Lord Curzon. No salary attaches to the position of premier, who generally takes the position of the first lord of the treasury, which carries an official salary of £5,000 yearly. Had Mr. Lloyd George intended to take the foreign secretaryship he would presumably not have accepted the post of first lord.

With regard to the composition of the ministry so many names have been mentioned today, clearly without any official sanction, that it would be useless to make any speculation.

One of the most interesting matters still to be decided is the attitude of the Irish party. Mr. Redmond now has possibly the greatest opportunity he ever has had to secure a settlement of the home rule question. The position of the new cabinet will be not so secure in the house of commons as to be able to disregard the Irish vote, hence the Nationalists will have an opportunity to bargain, of which they are likely to take full advantage.

People Are Hopeful.

Speaking generally, the situation is regarded with greater hopefulness and it is believed that the crisis will be surmounted without the need or fear of a general election, which the country would regard as a great disaster in the midst of war, when so many electors are serving in the field. As to the effect of the crisis on the war it is pointed out that Germany suffered a much worse crisis in the disappearance of Admiral von Tirpitz and Gen. von Falkenhayn from their respective posts without any adverse influence on Germany's military operations, and altogether there is a disposition to give the new administration a fair chance.

No Names Till Today.

The Evening News, Mr. Lloyd George's organ, says that no names of new cabinet ministers are likely to be published until tomorrow, but that the new premier already has sufficient offers to make up an extremely powerful government, which will include several business men of great and tried ability, irrespective of party values or ties.

Mr. Lloyd George's efforts, it is added, have been facilitated by a refusal of help from many of his former colleagues, because it was thus needless to consider their claims.

The Evening Standard says it understands that A. J. Balfour, first lord of the admiralty, will join the new ministry, probably as colonial secretary; also that there is a strong probability that Walter Runciman, president of the board of trade, will be a member of the ministry, while Andrew Bonar Law probably will be made first lord of the admiralty.

"I have no intention of joining the new cabinet. I prefer to sit in Printing House Square and Carmelite House."

Lord Northcliffe thus remarked to a Central News interviewer today. From Carmelite House he publishes the Daily Mail; from Printing House Square the Times.

SCORE'S TOGGERY SHOP.

"A gift for that man."

What is nicer and more appreciated than an up-to-the-minute necktie?

Our ties are all carefully selected so as to ensure exclusiveness, and at the same time not too costly, as we have a large range which sell at 75c and $1.

We invite you to call and see. R. Score & Son, Limited, Tailors and Haberdashers, 77 King street west.

WOMAN GASHES HEAD.

Mrs. Lewis, 117 Sherbourne street, was knocked down by a motor car at the corner of Huron and College streets last night, sustaining a gashed head. She was removed to the General Hospital in the police ambulance, afterwards being able to go home.

OAKWOOD FORERUNNER OF BETTER THINGS

H. A. Newman, solicitor to the citizens' express and freight campaign, reports the receipt of a large basket of choice snow apples from Superintendent Marshall of the Canadian Express Company, which were delivered free to his private residence to replace fruit pilfered in transit recently.

"This kindly and unprecedented treatement by the express company to a resident of the 'outside the limits' area is a forerunner of better things for the dwellers in Greater Toronto," said Mr. Newman.

Kaiser Gives Ratification To Auxiliary Service Bill

London, Friday, Dec. 8.—The German emperor, according to the Berlin papers, has ratified the auxiliary service bill, which thereby comes into force, says a Reuter despatch from Amsterdam.

Why Jorj Henry Was Stalled

John: Elekshuns is ticklish things: Tom Turtch is gettin' so skeerd that he let his automobilly run away an knocked down a lady. But I kinder think he thunk Ald. Ball was in it! I tole Mr. Hurst up to th' park that he better go slow in appintin a man in James Duff's place: farmers is kantankerous these days an' the elektors in Eas' York are dead sore on Th' Tely an' mite giv' th' hoot to any man I picked. But I'll pick wun in doo course: after I hear how Kemp does down Eas'. I kin' o' los' my pullit' powers. To have elekshuns all across th' Don twunct an' th' wun time is riskish. An' if Sam Shoes kums in th' fite I'd get more hoot. So I ain't namin' Sam now an' I'm goin' to smooth him down by puttin his pikter in th' Tely surrenderin' his sord to Kurnel Kemp in th' middle ov th' Don bridge, an' Cap. Krawfur' holdin' his horse, an Tom Foster givin' a pail ov water to him. Th' reel reason I tole Hurst not to run a man in Eas' York is cos I was afraid ov Billy's Don gang goin' at my kandydate with their butcherin' nifes. An' up to North Toronto they'd jus' slug Jorj Henry 'cos ov me makin' them pay two fares an' my orderin' Sam Mickbride to hang up th' Mt Pleasan' horse-car line. It wuzn't that Jorj Henry wuz rong on Adam Bek, but I wuz, an' th' peepul foun' me out. Too many dog fites twunct an' th' wun time aint edifyin' even fur an ole lan' mark.

Lieut. Brewster Met Death In Trying Too Steep Descent

Canadian Associated Press Cable.

London, Dec. 7.—At the inquest on Lieut. H. H. Brewster, of the Canadian forces attached to the flying corps, it was stated it was believed he was trying too steep a descent. He fell 200 feet.

Lieut. Brewster was a son of W. S. Brewster, formerly M.L.A. for South Brant.

Cardinal Mercier Reported Held Prisoner in Palace

Amsterdam, via London, Dec. 7.—Cardinal Mercier, primate of Belgium, is confined to his palace by the German authorities, according to the frontier correspondent of The Telegraaf, who says he hears this on good authority. The action taken by the cardinal against the deportation of Belgians is given as the cause.

Fish Taken From Dutch Held to Be Contraband

London, Dec. 7.—A Reuter despatch from Amsterdam says that from a number of Dutch steam trawlers towed into Cuxhaven the German authorities took 35 per cent. of their fish, on the ground of contraband, as that proportion of the total Dutch catch had been assigned to England.

NOT IN FAVOR OF NATIONAL BUREAUS

Labor Council Waits for Lead of Congress on the Scheme.

ON PUBLICITY BOARD

Decide to Continue Representation on Committee to Advertise City.

Delegates of the District Trades and Labor Council last night refused to endorse the plan of opening national employment bureaus. The Dominion Labor Congress went on record in favor of employment agencies being established under municipal control. When Secretary Stevenson read a request for co-operation in the national scheme the council passed a resolution to have the request first endorsed by the congress.

The council decided to continue its representation on the publicity commission of the campaign to advertise Toronto. The delegates of the labor organization who attended the last conference of the commission expressed dissatisfaction at the object being controled by private capital, and wanted a clause inserted that would protect the workingmen should any industrial disputes occur.

This, according to delegate R. J. Stephenson, did not meet with the approval of one of the members of the committee who exclaimed that if the trade union men could not agree with the plans of the commission they could proceed without their representation.

Tom Black, of the Cigar Makers' Union, could not see where the tradesmen were going to benefit by the publicity campaign, and urged the council to withdraw its committeemen.

The executive committee were instructed to hold a conference with the organization committee to discuss the advisability of the council engaging a permanent business agent to look after organizing work.

The bricklayers' and stonemasons' unions, who recently joined the American Federation of Labor, will be asked to become affiliated with the Toronto council.

J. Jones, of the Street Railwaymen's Union, announced that he would again be a candidate for the board of education in ward one this year, and asked for the support of his colleagues.

ORANGEMEN CHOOSE OFFICERS.

Beaver Lodge Hold Annual Election in Victoria Hall.

At a largely attended meeting of Beaver L.O.L. No. 911, held at Victoria Hall on Thursday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year, and duly installed by Bros. Chas. Watson, district master of East Toronto, assisted by other officers of the district lodge:

Deputy master, H. F. Smith; chaplain, Wm. Godfrey; recording secretary, Jas. Woods; financial secrtary, Bro. John Lang; treasurer, Bro. J. D. Robinson; D. of C., Bro. F. Richards; lecturers: Bros. Thos. Scott, Bro. Dr. J. C. Carlyle; committee: Bro. John T. Simpson, Jos. Lane, Jas. Halliday, L. Gull, G. Learn; lodge physician, Bro. Dr. J. C. Carlyle; representative to County Lodge, Bro. E. Fennell; auditors: John T. Simpson, Thomas Scott; inside tyler, Jas. Halliday.

TORONTO SUFFRAGETS MEET.

At the regular meeting of the Toronto Suffrage Association yesterday afternoon, Dr. Margaret Johnston presiding, splendid reports of the Newton Wylie lecture and the progress of the suffrage campaign were received. After business tea was served.

SOLDIER SENTENCED.

Hamilton, Friday, Dec. 8.—Pte. Smith Miller of the 205th Battalion, appeared before Magistrate Jelfs yesterday on a charge of theft and was sentenced to two months in jail. Miller stole a gold-filled watch and chain and a pair of service puttees from members of his battalion. He protested his innocence.

WAR SUMMARY

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

(Continued From Page 1.)

largely consist of civilians. The enemy has been deprived of the substantial spoils anticipated when he began his offensive.

* * * * *

Altho the situation might be much worse for Rumania than it is, nevertheless the allies have not prevented western Wallachia from sharing the fate of Serbia. She was called into the war before being equipped with the necessary number of heavy guns, and this shows that a serious miscalculation was made. In England they believe that the blame rests on their diplomats and politicians, who rushed in without consulting the soldiers. At this stage of the war, if the Rumanians were too ambitious and over-confident in invading Transylvania, the allies should have restrained them, military observers say. The mess made of affairs at Athens is also connected directly with the mess made of Rumania. It is probably for this reason that premiers fall and that ministries are changed.

* * * * *

The Rumanian first army, which has borne the brunt of the fighting, will probably retire behind the front chosen for a definite stand and this force will be reorganized and refitted. This work will require a month to six weeks at the least. Heavy guns will probably have to be supplied from England. The Rumanian heavy artillery is of Austrian and German make, and it is probable that the difficulty encountered in regard to a supply of shells was owing to the fact that the Russian artillery, being of slightly different calibres, none of the Russian shells would fit the Rumanian heavy pieces. The way the matter stands in the eastern theatre is that Russia has an enormous army, sufficient to secure victory, fully armed and equipped, except in the matter of big guns. These have to be supplied from England, and, it is said, their delivery will have to be made by the spring.

* * * * *

According to a German account of the fall of Bucharest, supplied by Reuter's agency, the city was not defended nor bombarded. Von Mackensen sent in a demand for the surrender of the fortress. The commander-in-chief of the Rumanian Danube army refused to accept the demand because Bucharest was not a fortress, but an open town. No resistance was made to the German entry. The city has no troops nor forts, no governor nor command-ant allotted to its defence. The Germans were thus given no excuse for destroying it.

* * * * *

Having occupied Bucharest, it looks as if the Germans were now going to attack the Serbians and the other forces engaged in recovering Macedonia, for Paris admits that a counter-attack on the Serbian positions on the slopes north of Sokol resulted in the recapture of part of the heights recently taken in the advance.

* * * * *

David Lloyd George, it is said in London, has succeeded in forming a cabinet. The refusal of some of the older ministers to join his ministry has given him the opening needed for the introduction of new blood in the government and some great business men will take portfolios. The Labor party has decided to be represented in the cabinet and this will remove a source of danger to the smooth working of the administrative machinery. It is expected that the names of the new ministers will be announced today.

* * * * *

On the western front the unfavorable weather conditions still keep down the fighting to artillery operations. These are most active on the Somme and the Verdun sectors.